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United Arab Emirates

US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens **RECONSIDER TRAVEL** to the United Arab Emirates due to COVID-19. Consult its website daily via the link below for any travel advisories about visiting this country.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

Passport/Visa Requirements

US citizens should make sure their passport will not expire for at least 6 months after they enter the country even if they do not intend to stay that long. They should also make sure they have at least 1 blank page in their passport for any entry stamp that will be required. A visa is not required as long as you do not stay in the country more than 30 days.

US Embassy/Consulate

[971] (2) 414-2200; US Embassy in Abu Dhabi, Embassies District, Plot 38, Sector W59-02, Street No. 4, Abu Dhabi, U.A.E.

Vaccinations

See WHO recommendations

<http://www.who.int>

Climate

Desert; cooler in eastern mountains

Currency (Code)

Emirati dirhams (AED)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

230 V / 50 Hz / plug type(s): G



Major Languages

Arabic, English, Hindi, Malayam, Urdu, Pashto, Tagalog, Persian

Religions

Muslim 76%, Christian 9%, other (primarily Hindu and Buddhist) 15%; note: data represent the total population; as of 2019, immigrants make up about 87.9% of the total population, according to UN data

Time Difference

UTC+4 (9 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

Potable Water

Yes, but some opt for bottled water.

International Driving Permit

Suggested

Road Driving Side

Right

Tourist destinations

Dubai (includes Burj Khalifa (world's tallest building), Burj-al-Arab Hotel (world's tallest hotel), Dubai Creek Dhow Ride, Dubai Museum); Jebel Hafeet; Bastakia; Al-Bidayh Mosque; Sharjah Museum of Islamic Civilization; Sheikh Zayed Grand

Mosque; Al Ain

Cultural Practices

The sole of the foot is considered the lowliest part of the body; it is therefore considered very rude to use the foot to point or to move around objects.

Tipping Guidelines

Even if there is a service charge, tip the waiter 10-15% of the total bill. Many Dubai residents choose to tip taxi and hail-riding services 5-10 dirhams or to round up the fare.

Telephone Code

971

**Local Emergency
Phone**

998, 999

Please visit the following links to find further information about your desired destination.

[World Health Organization \(WHO\) - To learn what vaccines and health precautions to take while visiting your destination. http://www.who.int](http://www.who.int)

[US State Dept Travel Information - Overall information about foreign travel for US citizens. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html)

[To obtain an international driving permit \(IDP\). Only two organizations in the US issue IDPs: American Automobile Association \(AAA\) \(www.aaa.com\) and American Automobile Touring Alliance \(AATA\) \(www.aataidp.com\)](http://www.aaa.com)

US citizens may call the US Dept of State (+1-202-501-4444) for emergencies abroad.

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